

SENATE BILL 2547
By Bryson

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-20-101, relative to commissioners and mayor under city manager-commission charter form of government.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 6-20-101, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subsection:

() Any city having a population of more than twenty thousand (20,000) according to the last federal census shall have the option of increasing the number of commissioners to seven (7) by ordinance. Upon adoption of such an ordinance, it shall be filed with the county election commission, which shall submit approval of the ordinance to the voters of the city at the next general election or regular city election which follows the filing period required pursuant to 2-3-204(b). If a majority of those voting on the ordinance shall not be for approval, the ordinance shall be null and void. If a majority of those voting on the ordinance shall be for approval, then at the next regular city election, voters shall be entitled to vote for four (4) commissioners, or five (5) commissioners, as the case may be, in order to provide for a total of seven (7) commissioners. If the number of commissioners to be elected is four (4), each shall hold office for four (4) years. If the number of commissioners to be elected is five (5), the three (3) receiving the highest number of votes shall hold office for four (4) years, and the other two (2) for two (2) years. The terms of all commissioners thereafter elected shall be for four (4) years, or until their successors are elected and qualified. An ordinance approved by the voters pursuant to this section may not be repealed or amended.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.